

Eisenhower to take part in MCU 50th anniversary celebrations

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Mary Jean Eisenhower, granddaughter of late U.S. President Dwight D. Eisenhower, will grace Ming Chuan University (MCU)'s 50th anniversary with her presence in various activities.

Long-time friend of MCU founder Pao Teh-ming and president Dr. Chuan Lee, Eisenhower has accepted the invitation to deliver words of greeting during the anniversary celebration program at MCU's Taoyuan campus, beginning at 9 a.m.

Eisenhower, President and CEO of People To People International's (PTPI), was also a special guest at MCU's 45th Anniversary. During that celebration, she noted with appreciation that Ming Chuan really knows how to put on a grand party. In anticipation of an even grander event this year, Eisenhower will be joined at MCU by other PTPI friends from around the world.

In addition to Eisenhower, other members of the PTPI Board of Directors will come. They include: Anita Manuel and Troy Nash from the U.S., as well as Ruriko Nakajima from Japan. Martine Honegger, wife of board member Ernst Honegger who visited MCU late last year, will be attending from Switzerland. In addition, Kazumichi Osumi, former president of PTPI Ogaki Chapter, is traveling from Japan to join in the activities. The PTPI delegation also includes PTPI staff members Brooks Herman, Director of African, Middle Eastern & Asian Operations based in the U.S., along with Jasmine Kim, Asian Liaison based at PTP Korea National Headquarters

On Sunday morning, a roundtable discussion titled "Perspectives on Collaboration in the Asia-Pacific Region" will be held at the Ambassador Hotel. PTPI members will be among those in attendance.

For the roundtable discussion, the PTPI overseas delegation will be joined by Malaysian Friendship and Trade Centre Representative Dato' Dr. Ku Abd. Rahman Bin Ku Ismail, Manila Economic and Cultural Office Representative Antonio Basilio, Ulaanbaatar Trade and Economic Office in Taipei Representative Batchimeg Migeddorj, former Director General of Seoul Korea's Taiwan Economic and Cultural Office Li Tsai Fang, and representatives from PTP ROC's Taipei and Tainan Chapters.

Eisenhower will deliver greetings from PTPI to the gathered discussants. Events such as this roundtable embody the spirit of PTPI, expressed in its motto: Peace Through Understanding.

Eisenhower was born in Washington, D.C. during her grandfather, Dwight Eisenhower's first term as U.S. President. Since joining PTPI, Mary has visited more than 40 countries. Missions have included everything from meeting first families to distributing food to cultural and humanitarian exchanges. In

1999 she started PTPI's Friendship Fund inspired by an orphanage in Morocco. The fund is a way for people to help the friends and facilities they visit throughout the world and help our Chapter network assist each other. Currently she is focused on a pilot project involving Peace Camps for youth and adults to bring people from diverse areas together to discuss issues & reach a better understanding.☐